GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FROM SUGAR DEVELOPMENT FUND
Mahato Shri Narahari

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received for availing financial assistance from the Sugar Development Fund for expansion and modernisation of the sugar mills during each of the last three years and thereafter till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of the sugar mills provided assistance from the fund during the said period;

(c) whether these sugar mills have fully utilised the said assistance;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure proper utilisation of the financial assistance by the sugar mills?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The statement indicating the number of proposals received for availing financial assistance from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for expansion and modenisation is at Annexure A.

(b): The statement indicating the number of sugar mills provided the assistance is at Annexure B.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Except few cases where disbursements of the loans have been made only recently.

(e): There is already a system in place to monitor utilization of the financial assistance for expansion and modernisation provided to the sugar mills from Sugar Development Fund (SDF). Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) have been appointed Monitoring Agencies on behalf of the Government to oversee and monitor proper utilisation of the loan and implementation of the project. Second instalment, and the balance loan, if any, is disbursed only on submission of utilisation certificate towards proper utilisation of the earlier instalment. The monitoring agencies submit utilisation certificates as per General Financial Rules after necessary checks like site inspection, verifying books of accounts of sugar factory/Chartered Accountant`s Certificate etc.